

M. & W. RAILROAD SHOPS BURNED, LOSS IS \$25,000

Disastrous Fire For Montpelier & Wells River R. R. at Montpelier, in Which Barre Railroad Lost Locomotive Granite City and Valuable Machinery.

THE ENGINE VERMONT SAVED AFTER STRUGGLE

Flames Were Under Control This Afternoon After Destroying Machine Shops, Round House and Blacksmith Shop---Cause Unknown.

The machine shop, roundhouse and blacksmith shop of the Montpelier and Wells River railroad, located just off Barre street in Montpelier, were destroyed by fire today and with them the Barre railroad locomotive, Granite City, the total loss being estimated from \$25,000 to \$30,000. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Flames were discovered at 11:10 this forenoon issuing from the oil room. The general alarm was at once given from box 32. Before the arrival of the city department the employees of the railroad had organized a fire-fighting force, having attached a hose to a private street pipe in the railroad yard. They could do little with this, however, as the pressure was low. The city department made rather a low run, but soon after their arrival they put on two more streams of water. The location of the fire was had for fighting, as the tracks were on one side and the Winowski river on the other. Finally they went around to Berlin side and strung a hose across the ice on the river, and were thus able to get in effective work. By great effort the storehouse was saved.

Meanwhile the railroad men were making strenuous efforts to get out the locomotive, Vermont, which was in the roundhouse with steam up. They secured a heavy chain and while the woodwork on the engine was smoking and ready to burst into flames, Arthur Tandy, tugger and stainer and finally pulled the heavier engine to a place of safety. It was impossible to save the Granite City, as the great bulk was resting on blocks in the machine shop. It had only recently been sent to the shop for repairs. It was of the heavy saddle-back variety. Some parts of it may be converted into further use, but it is doubtful, as the engine was in the hottest of the blaze.

Among the other valuable machinery was a wheel-turning lathe, which had been installed only last fall, while all the other machinery which goes to make up a well-equipped engine repair shop was also housed in the burned buildings and was also destroyed.

For an hour the fire burned fiercely, and it was not until a quarter past twelve o'clock this afternoon that it was subdued. The wooden buildings, oil-soaked, made easy prey for the flames, and the heat was intense. There was no passing by that point for the train, either of the Montpelier & Wells River or the Central Vermont. The suburban on the former road, due to leave Montpelier for Barre at 11:35, could not pass and did not reach Barre until nearly one o'clock this afternoon. The progress of the fire was witnessed by a great crowd of people.

Fears of Explosions. While the fire was at its height, there was great apprehension lest there be some explosions. The company keeps its oil in a large tank of six sections near one of the buildings, but the flames were stopped before this was reached. There was fear also lest the boiler of the stationary engine in the machine shop explode, but the release valve of the engine was in good working order and so there was no trouble from that source.

In the fire was the automobile of Chief Wahlen of the fire department, and it was destroyed with the rest of the things. The machine was stored in one of the buildings. A fire alarm box was attached to the buildings, but by the time the flames were discovered the box was out of commission, so that the alarm had to be rung in from the corner of Barre and Hubbard streets.

The Insurance. The company will not be able to determine the insurance on the burned property for a day or so, as all their property is insured under the schedule system, that is, including all their property in this city and Montpelier, the rolling stock and the bridge on the lines. The insurance is carried in the Liverpool, London and Globe company of London, of which Postmaster J. G. Brown of Montpelier is agent.

200 BADLY SCARED.

Fire Broke Out on New Jersey Central Ferryboat—None Injured.

New York, Feb. 7.—Fire was discovered on the New Jersey Central ferry boat Wilkesbarre late yesterday as it was nearing its slip in the ferry house at

EVELYN THAW ON THE STAND

Wife of Accused Man Appears in His Behalf

THRILLING DAY OPENS

While the Jury Was Matching to the Court Building This Morning a Snow Shower Admonished Them to Acquit Thaw.

New York, Feb. 7.—The promise of a most thrilling day in the great trial of Harry Thaw seemed to be fulfilled this morning, when the defense called Evelyn Thaw, wife of the prisoner, as the first witness. While the jury was marching from their hotel to the court building, Thomas Palmer, a street cleaner, stopped shoveling snow and yelled: "Now, boys, go it; get together and acquit Thaw."

Palmer was arrested and brought before Justice Fitzgerald and discharged with a reprimand. Evelyn Thaw took the stand, wearing the same blue dress which she has had on since the trial began. Her veil was lifted for the first time. In a voice, but little shaken, she gave her name and the date of her birth as December 25, 1884. Her counsel immediately began questioning her as to the events at the roof garden on the night of White's death. She testified that when she saw White enter she passed her husband a note telling of his presence.

After giving a description of the shooting which did not differ materially from that of the other witnesses, she said, in trembling tones: "Harry came toward me and I said to Mr. Caleb, 'My God, He's shot!' Then I said to Harry: 'What have you done?' He answered, 'I have probably saved your life.' Mr. Caleb said something like 'He must be crazy.' Then we took an elevator down stairs."

Evelyn said that Thaw first proposed in Paris, in June, 1903. She told him that while she loved him she could not marry him. "Is it because of Stanford White?" asked Thaw. "Yes," said Evelyn. "I cried," continued the witness, "and Harry asked me to tell him the whole affair. He said he could never love anybody else and would marry me or no one."

"Now I want you to tell of your first meeting with Stanford White, just as you told it to Mr. Thaw that day," said Mr. Delmas. Evelyn said that a chorus girl, Edna Goodrich, in August, 1901, asked her to a luncheon party at her studio on West 24th street, where she met White and another man. "I remember Mr. White teased me about my hair, which was down my back and about my short skirt, which reached to my shoe tops."

The witness said her mother had consented to her accepting the invitation.

An Eyewitness. Thomas McCabe, who was one of Thaw's companions at the dinner the evening of the tragedy, told his story of the affair. He said he saw Stanford White and is 36 years of age. McCabe said he was also with Thaw on the Madison Square garden roof.

Witness said Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thaw, Truxton 24th and himself were in the party which reached the roof garden about 9:30 p. m. Witness described where the party sat. He continued:

"During the second act I was walking out with Mrs. Thaw, and just as we reached an archway three pistol shots struck upon my hearing. When I heard the pistol shots I turned around and heard Mrs. Harry Thaw exclaim: 'My God, he's shot.'"

"There she stood, pale and trembling, and apparently in a daze. The next thing I saw was Harry Thaw standing with a revolver over his head. The butt of the pistol was up."

"Mrs. Thaw exclaimed: 'Oh, Harry, what have you done. Why did you do it?'"

"He said: 'I have saved your life.' Then he kissed her. He also said other things, but in the excitement I did not hear them. At the sidewalk Thaw was turned over to a policeman. He said to me: 'Take my wife to the Hotel Lorraine and telephone Carnegie.'"

"From what you saw and heard was Mr. Thaw, in your opinion, rational or irrational?"

Mr. McCabe said that he and Mr. Beale dined with Mr. and Mrs. Thaw on the night of June 25 at the Cafe Martin, where they arrived at about 7:40.

"During the dinner," asked Mr. Delmas, "did you notice any communication between Mrs. Thaw and her husband at the table?"

"I remember that she asked him for a pencil and afterwards she passed him a folded paper."

"Did Mr. Thaw make any remark?"

"Not that I heard," said Mr. Delmas, "that the note from Mrs. Thaw to her husband is in the hands of the learned district attorney. I now call upon him to produce the paper."

There was a dramatic silence in the court room. Mr. Jerome cut tugging away at his short, stubby mustache. He did not move a muscle of his face. He appeared to be oblivious to the command of the defense. After waiting for some little time in silence, Mr. Delmas continued:

"I take it, your honor, that the action of the learned district attorney in replying is not an act of discourtesy, but his conception of what are his duties in this matter. I shall therefore have to try to get something about the note in evidence."

Turning to the witness, Mr. Delmas said: "Do you know anything of the contents of that note?"

"No,"

"Was there any discussion at the restaurant as to whether you should re-

main there any longer or whether you should go to the roof garden?"

Mr. Jerome objected and was sustained.

ALIMONY IS UNPAID. Matrimonial Difficulties of Bennington Couple Unsettled.

Bennington, Feb. 7.—Proceedings were instituted before Judge A. A. Hall in county court yesterday against C. Floyd Huling for refusing to pay alimony to his divorced wife, who was formerly Miss Florence Simmons of Hartford, Conn.

At the time Mrs. Huling secured her divorce in June, 1903, the court ordered that he should pay alimony to the amount of \$50 per month. One year later Mrs. Huling petitioned the court that the alimony be increased to \$75 a month for the benefit of the young daughter. In her petition she claimed that her former husband had misrepresented his financial ability and that he was able to pay the extra allowance. The court increased the alimony to \$75 a month, and it had been paid regularly until last August, since when no payments have been received.

A complication arises from the fact that in the original case and also after the alimony was increased, Huling secured a bondsman his uncle, Columbus Huling, of North Bennington, who has since died. With the refusal of the younger Huling to pay the alimony it is impossible to get the case on to the hearing yesterday the widow of Columbus Huling was represented by counsel, who sought to have the estate released from the bond.

C. Floyd Huling, who has been married again, was also represented at the hearing by counsel, who claimed that the estate of the late Columbus Huling, during the past year, was unable to pay the alimony. The case is with Judge Hall, but may be taken up again when court reconvenes again February 25.

GREAT GATHERING OF KNIGHTS HELD

Over Fifty Candidates Received The Third Degree in the Knights of Columbus at Meeting in Burlington

Burlington, Feb. 7.—Over 300 Knights of Columbus assembled at the rooms of the De Goesbriand council last night, inviting visitors from as far south as Bellows Falls, from Rutland, White River Junction, Vergennes, Montpelier, Barre, St. Johnsbury, St. Albans and other places. Over 500 candidates were assembled at the rooms of C. M. U. to receive the third degree of knighthood, which was conferred by Dr. Francis H. O'Connor of Brattleboro, district deputy for the second district. He worked under the supervision of State Deputy Eugene and District Deputy Duffy of Keene, N. H.

Over 300 guests were seated at the banquet tables in St. Mary's hall, and promptly at midnight the orchestra, which was placed at the head of the hall, facing the tables, struck up a lively Irish air. The Knights of Columbus society, which officiated as waitresses, and attended to every want of the guests.

The Rev. P. J. Barrett acted as toastmaster in his usual happy manner and interpolated his remarks with the apt saying: "We ought to be proud to be members of the Knights of Columbus, a good Catholic society has made such a good record as they. Day after day, he continued they have gone on increasing in membership and wealth, until now they reach from the St. Lawrence to the Gulf of Mexico. It is true we are not all beyond reproach for there are some in our ranks who were not worth the name of Columbus, but they did not remain long. But after all we are only human and to err is human, and I say the Knights of Columbus stand well with all Catholic societies in America and abroad, and therefore to night our hearts ought to go out to all the knights throughout the land."

BURLINGTON LOSES MONEY. Schools Will Not Get All of \$3,100 Income From U. S. Deposit Fund.

Burlington, Feb. 7.—By the provisions of the law enacted at the recent session of the legislature in the interests of the educational fund, Burlington's schools will not get the entire income from the United States deposit money now in our possession. The trustee of the fund, L. C. Grant, now has in trust the sum of \$36,253.04 government money. By the terms of the loan, he may lend the same to the city for the benefit of the schools. Our schools heretofore have drawn annual amounts of \$2,177.58. The new law makes it payable to the state. The entire income from the deposits in towns and cities will hereafter be apportioned and Burlington will only get a small percentage.

PETITION TURNED DOWN. They Asked For Investigation of Shiloh Institution.

Augusta, Me., Feb. 7.—The committee on judiciary reported to the legislature yesterday that the petition to be given leave to withdraw the petition from citizens of Litch and Durham, asking for an investigation of affairs at the institution of the Holy Ghost and U. S. society at Shiloh. The petitions were referred from the last legislature.

Appointed to Waverly Institute. Word was received yesterday that John T. Lovie will be admitted to the Waverly institute for undergraduates in Massachusetts. It is expected he will go a week from Saturday. He is the 11 year-old son of Mrs. William Lovie of 16 Hall street and as he has always been a cripple is deprived of an education in the public schools. Since last April endeavors have been put forth to allow him to be educated and after much waiting and investigation the decision has been reached. As Waverly has no school for undergraduates she provides for the education of all such at the Waverly institute in Waverly, Mass., and pays all expenses except for clothes and transportation.

ALL THE CREW PERISHED

In Wreck of Three-masted Schooner Last Night

OFF DIAMOND SHOALS

No Trace of the Vessel Could Be Seen and It Is Presumed That at Least Ten Men Lost Their Lives.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 7.—A three-masted schooner which was reported ashore on Diamond Shoals, off Cape Hatteras, went to pieces last night and no trace of her can be seen today. The crew of not less than ten presumably perished.

THREE PASSENGERS DEAD.

In Railroad Wreck Near Freeport, Ill., This Morning.

Chicago, Feb. 7.—Train No. 5 on the Chicago and Great Western road was wrecked this morning near Freeport, Ill. Three passengers were killed.

HAULED ABOARD.

Fifteen Men Rescued From Sinking Ship.

Boston, Feb. 7.—Fifteen fishermen, constituting the crew of the Gloucester schooner Ellen F. Gleason, walked ashore from the Leyland line steamer Winifred yesterday, thanking their lucky stars and Captain Shepard for their quick escape from their sinking vessel after she had rammed the big liner on the Middle Bank Tuesday morning, 300 miles northeast of this port.

The collision took place during a northeast snowstorm, the Gleason suddenly appearing on the steamer's port quarter and striking a glancing blow which, according to the fishermen, stove in the schooner's bow. Although the smaller vessel disappeared almost immediately astern, the big liner was swung around, the disabled schooner sighted, and then with the Winifred acting as a shield to the storm the fifteen men were hauled to safety by a life line.

On reaching the deck of the steamer Captain Noland of the Gleason reported that his vessel was rapidly filling with water and would have gone to the bottom within an hour after the collision.

"SHACK" DODGE DIES STILL IN HARNESS

Familiar Character of Montpelier, Who Saw Service in Both the Mexican and Civil Wars, Died Last Night.

One of Montpelier's familiar "characters," Richard, better known as "Shack" Dodge, a veteran of the Mexican and Civil wars, died suddenly in his city last evening, aged 80 years. He was on the streets yesterday afternoon and as he was his custom visited the police station and to the post office, which he has of late visited daily, expecting official notice of an increase of pension from \$12 to \$20 per month, which has been secured for him from the present Congress by U. S. Senator W. P. Billingham, who took a lively interest in the old veteran.

Since he had been unable to work Mr. Dodge had been in poor circumstances, but had steadily refused to go to the city farm, where he could receive proper care. His friends and old comrades have seen to it that he did not suffer for the necessities of life.

The only surviving veteran of the Mexican war in this vicinity is Major Luman M. Grant, who now lives with his son at Waterbury. Mr. Dodge's record, both in the Mexican and Civil wars, was an enviable one. During the Mexican war, when he was confined in the hospital with fever, he ran away from the hospital, took the role of a dead soldier, and was in the thick of the fight at one of the great battles of that war before he had been missed from the hospital.

In later years his friends have annually raised a purse to give him to the national Grand Army encampments, and also kept him supplied with tickets for the Northern league baseball games. The Inter-city had no more loyal roster than was Mr. Dodge. Nothing pleased him so much as to be interviewed by a newspaper man, and he had been featured in the Sunday editions of the metropolitan journals more times than any one man who ever lived in Montpelier.

He is survived by one brother, Gilman B. Dodge of Littleton, N. H. The funeral arrangements have not been completed, but they will be in charge of Brooks Post, G. A. R.

DIDN'T SHOW UP.

George Latulip Wasn't in Court on Schedule Time.

Montpelier, Feb. 7.—When the bigamy case of State vs. George Latulip, alias George Thomas, was called in city court yesterday morning for a hearing, respondent failed to put in an appearance. At the shops of the Colton Manufacturing company, where Latulip was chief watchman, it was stated that he had not been seen for a week. Ten days ago in city court he was admitted to bail in the sum of \$500, which was furnished by John H. Senter, his attorney. It is alleged that Latulip has one wife in Montpelier and another in Williston or Huntington. His Montpelier wife is still seriously ill at Hinton hospital. The case was continued for two weeks.

THE VICIM, MAN RELIEVED OF \$400 ROLL

WANT AMENDMENT TO THEIR FRANCHISE

One Which City Granted to J. S. Viles Would Be Valueless to the Consolidated Lighting Company.

At a special meeting of the city council last evening Irving M. Frost, a representative of the J. S. Viles electric company, which recently disposed of its plant at Middlesex to the Consolidated Lighting company, requested an amendment to the charter under which the Viles company set its poles and strung wires in Barre. The charter was granted to J. S. Viles in person and with no mention of successors and assigns, so that it would be useless to the Consolidated company, the successor of the Viles company. The council seemed favorable to granting the amendment as proposed, and the matter was referred to the city attorney to investigate and advise as to how the city's interests would be affected.

The payment of the salary of the city engineer for the time lost on account of sickness was debated, and the council voted to pay that official, H. L. Smith, for time thus lost, there being two dissenting votes, those of Mayor Barclay and Alderman Milne. A city warrant numbered 13,709 was read and ordered paid, and a resolution relating to departmental appropriations was read and passed to a second reading, while a resolution relating to leasing city notes to the Hope and Elmwood cemetery commissioners was read and approved.

All the members of the council were present, with the mayor in the chair. This is probably next to the last meeting of the present city council.

BARRE BOWLERS WERE DEFEATED

Went Down Before Albany, N. Y., Team Last Night in Three Straight Strings, Showing Up Poorly.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 7.—The bowling team from Barre and Montpelier, Vermont, which is making a tour through New York and Connecticut, met with defeat before an Albany team last night, losing three strings. The visitors played a poor game, while the winners were only fair. The total scores were as follows: Inter-city 752 836-2360 Albany 843 872 869-2584

FOR EASTERN CHAMPIONSHIP.

Basketball Teams Will Probably Meet at New York.

Hanover, N. H., Feb. 7.—As a result of negotiations, it is probable that the winners of the first place in the Intercollegiate Basketball league and the New England Intercollegiate league will meet in a series of three games for the Eastern championship. The contests will be played on neutral grounds, probably New York, and will take place in March at the close of the season in both leagues.

Leading the New England league with victories over every team, Dartmouth will try hard in the remaining contests to secure the honor of representing the New England league in the championship series.

In the Intercollegiate league, Columbia and Yale are the favorites for the first honors. Should Columbia win, the championship series is assured, as the New Yorkers have expressed approval of the plan.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

J. C. Crowley is in Northfield on business for a few days.

D. S. Hall of South Cabot was in the city on business today.

Mat Haley went to Bethel today, where he has some derricks to erect.

Michael Hurley of Northfield, a former resident, is visiting friends in the city.

Barb Nelson of Newport, N. H., is visiting friends in the city for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ladrie of Central street left today for St. Johnsbury and Point Lewis, Que., where they will visit relatives.

Mrs. J. D. Smith of Maple avenue is laid up with a badly sprained wrist, caused by slipping on the icy sidewalk Tuesday evening.

All who intend to take their degrees in the Eagle Society should take their examinations at once. It is expected that there will be large delegations present from Burlington, St. Albans and Montpelier.

District Attorney Alexander Dunnett of St. Johnsbury was in the city again today looking up the record of old deeds connected with the Martin lot at the corner of Main and Prospect streets. This site has been selected for the post office location.

Miss Ethel Park was given a complete surprise last evening at 61 Maple avenue, when 25 of her friends were concealed in a room, ready to greet her on her arrival. The evening was spent in games and singing, followed by refreshments. Linda Veale, in behalf of the company, presented her a gold bracelet. The party broke up at 10 p. m., all having spent an enjoyable evening.

The Tourist club observed gentlemen's night last evening at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Lazelle of South Main street. After dinner was served to the guests, which was in order, there being seven tables of players. The lady's prize was awarded to Mrs. Louis Gates, the gentleman's prize to Louis Gates, the booby prize to Mrs. Richard Veale and James Wheeler.

Strange Tale of Night Robbery on South Main Street, Near City Line, Told by Bert Young, a Williams-town Man.

WAS LEFT INSENSIBLE BESIDE THE ROAD

Is Not Able to Describe Assailant Except That He Wore a Heavy Coat With Collar Turned Up About His Face.

Beaten and robbed of \$400 and then left insensible in the road to be picked up later by a passerby, was the experience of Bert Young of Williamstown last night, as told by him after being carried to the house of Mrs. Ellen Ward in South Barre at a late hour. Mr. Young stated that the robbery took place near the city line on South Main street, and local officers are working on the somewhat disconnected details which he is able to give them, as the events of the night are still not clearly placed in his mind.

Young's Story of Robbery.

From the statements that they were able to gather, the officers have pieced together a story that, yesterday, Mr. Young, who conducts a livery stable in Williamstown, hitched up a pair of horses to drive to Chelsea with the intention of collecting a note for \$200, which with interest would place in his hands nearly \$300. Leaving Chelsea he returned to Williamstown, and hitching up a single team at 7 o'clock started for this city, telling one of his workmen that he was going to collect some more money here. At this point the details are mixed, for from one source comes the information that he stated he was going to deposit the money in a Barre bank (which would be impossible, as the banks close at three).

The other story is that he was to collect more money with which to go to Randolph today to purchase sleighs.

This latter story seems to be corroborated by statements which he made in the presence of several Barre people on his arrival in town last night, that he intended to go to Randolph today. In fact, he made a date for a business engagement with Joseph Yandow of Barre in case he should not go to Randolph. Mr. Young was in this city until late in the evening, the time being set at 10 o'clock, the occurrences were with him. Mr. Young states that as he was driving along South Main street toward Williamstown and while in the vicinity of the George Straiton plant he overtook a man who was walking. This man he invited into his team for a ride. They rode along for a considerable distance, and then the occurrences are a blank in Mr. Young's mind until he was aroused by a passerby.

Can Give Little Description.

All the description of the passerby in his team that Mr. Young was able to give was that the man wore a heavy coat with a high collar turned up about his face. Mr. Young says that he carried his roll of money in an inside pocket of his coat and that when he thought of that he felt for it and found it was missing. His team was also gone. The man who picked him up in the road he could not describe, but said his name was Sanders or Flinders. This man was not seen by any member of the Ward household when they opened their door late at night in response to knocking. Mr. Young was in a dazed condition and suffering from the cold when they let him into the house and set him before the stove. They were unable to account for his condition and soon telephoned for Deputy Sheriff H. J. Slayton of this city, who with Chief Brown started for South Barre. They also learned that Mr. Young lived in Williamstown and telephoned for someone to come after him.

One of the men employed in Young's stable started for South Barre and just as he was driving out of Williamstown he met his employer's team starting for South Barre. The team was unguided toward the stable. Everything was all right about the team, even to the robes and a can of water which when heated Mr. Young had used to keep his feet warm. After attending to the stray team, the stableman continued on to South Barre and in response to knocking, Mr. Young was in a dazed condition, who was still in a dazed condition, was placed under the care of a physician. It was found that he had suffered a blow sufficient to cause a swelling, which might have been made by a blow from a blunt instrument, or, again, which might have been caused by a fall on some hard substance.

Officers Find No Trace.

On their way to South Barre Deputy Slayton and Chief Brown made an examination of the road near the residence of B. C. Leonard and G. E. McFarland, where Mr. Young thought that he was robbed. They could find no place beside the road to show where the victim of the robbery had lain in the snow, although, of course, he might have fallen into the hard roadbed, in which case there would be no traces left. The officers reached the Ward house just after

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